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During the period from 27 to 29 May 1952, [] the main camp of the Zeithain (N 52/E 81) troop training grounds, north of Zeithain, was occupied by tank units and SP gun units. There was only light traffic of motor vehicles. Three SP guns with T-34 chassis and canvas-covered guns passed through Roederau, southwest of Zeithain, toward Zeithain on 28 May. [] the main camp was more heavily occupied than in previous years. Contrary to previous years, all roads through the troop training grounds were blocked to civilians except for the road along the Roederau-Falkenberg railroad line. In the summer of 1951, 40 German workers had been employed at the main camp, but there were only 10 workers employed in spring 1952. On 29 May, some motor vehicles, [] were seen near the Elbe River bridge near Riesa, headed toward Roederau. * Camp C northwest of the main camp was occupied by Volkspolizei in late May. They allegedly practiced jointly with Soviet troops at the troop training grounds. **

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25X1 ** [] Comment. Camp C is occupied by a Volkspolizei Dienststelle.

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1. At 5 a.m. on 4 June 1952, a troop train consisting of 5 boxcars carrying troops with black-bordered black epaulettes and about 25 cars carrying 40 trucks [REDACTED] 20 of which contained porton sections was seen at the loading ramp of the Wittenberg (N 52/E 37) railroad station. [REDACTED] the train was to be unloaded. *

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2. On 20 May, trucks [REDACTED] were identified in the near Lossa (N 52/J 59). Tanks were detrained at the Bonndorf railroad station north of Lossa. No details could be determine. **

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Comment. [REDACTED] components of the 35th Engineer (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army in [REDACTED] one troop train each on 2 and 3 June came from [REDACTED] to Wittenberg with [REDACTED]

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This confirms the transfer of the regiment to the Wittenberg engineer training area of the army as was observed in previous years. The engineer battalions of the four divisions of the Third Gds Mecz Army are undoubtedly also stationed in this area.

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Comment. [REDACTED] the report confirms the components of the 21st Gds Mecz Div which arrived in the Lossa area in early May. The movement is apparently continuing. [REDACTED] the Luftnachrichten Kaserne in Halle was occupied by 4,000 troops on 27 May 1952. Sec [REDACTED]

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